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OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD

SUBJECT: Recommendations for OCB Action Regarding the Paper
PSB D-22, "Psychological Strategy Program for the
Middle East"

At a meeting on March 8, 1954 of the interdepartmental group established in May of 1953 to coordinate the implementation of plans of the various agencies in connection with D-22, "Psychological Strategy Program for the Middle East," it was agreed that the following recommendations should be forwarded to you for consideration by the OCB.

1. It is recommended that the OCB:
 - (a) Reaffirm in general terms the validity of this paper for use in connection with the preparation of general plans and operations in the Middle East area;
 - (b) Lower the classification of the paper, with any necessary deletions, such as direct references to NSC papers, to "Confidential" and urge each of the member agencies to circulate the paper to all interested officers; and
 - (c) Suggest to the member agencies that those individuals engaged in planning and operations in the Middle East area be requested to read for background information the material contained in D-22 and in the reports from the field obtained by the Department of State from missions in the various countries.
2. If the foregoing recommendations are adopted, it is further recommended that the OCB relieve the existing D-22 Working Group from any further responsibility in this connection and assign, as appropriate, such responsibilities to future working groups which may be established.

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Chairman, OCB D-22 Working Group

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